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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,891,143, granted April 6, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Orthopaedic Fixation Plate,

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____ /
and was amended on _____.
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE AND OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT

Sir:

Smith & Nephew, Inc. is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in U.S. Patent No. 5,891,143 by virtue of an assignment from John Charles Taylor and Harold S. Taylor recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 17, 1998 at Reel No. 9595, Frame 0843.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.172(a), the undersigned assignee assents to the filing of the accompanying reissue application and assents to the filing of the Declaration for Reissue Patent Application of the inventors thereof.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, Smith & Nephew, Inc. hereby offers to surrender original U.S. Letters Patent 5,891,143 conditioned upon the reissue of said Letters Patent.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of Smith & Nephew,
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SMITH & NEPHEW, INC.

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